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Office Action Summary

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Examiner	**Art Unit**
Pierre E. Elisca	3621

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE *THREE* MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/30/2000.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL.** 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) *1-21* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 and 4
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other:

Examiner Pierre Eddy Elisca

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Application No. 09/728,045, filed on 11/30/2000.

2. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Motegi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,307,640) in view of Pauschinger (U.S. Pat. No. 6,406,120).

As per claim 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 Motegi substantially discloses a method/system for printing and enabling a user of a computer to send an image file to a host computer and subsequently to a printer for printing while ensuring that the user is able to retrieve the printed document (which is seen to read as Applicant's claimed invention wherein it is stated that a printing system for use with a workstation), comprising:

a printing system (see., abstract, col 1, lines 13-24, col 2, lines 34-48).

It is to be noted that **Motegi** fails to explicitly disclose that a first code entry and a second code entry that being configured to receive codes information from a user. However, **Pauschinger** discloses a postage meter machine that has a printing unit with a replaceable print head. A security code is generated by an encryption algorithm from a first identification code (or first code entry) and from a second identification code (or second code entry) see., abstract, col 1, lines 62-67, col 2, lines 1-8). Accordingly, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the printing system of **Motegi** by including a first and a second entry codes as taught by **Pauschinger** because such modification would prevent unauthorized access to the printing system.

5. Claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Motegi and Pauschinger, and further in view of Official Notice.

As per claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14, Motegi and Pauschinger disclose the claimed limitations as stated in claim 1 above. It is to be noted that **Motegi and Pauschinger** fail to explicitly detail that the first code and the second corresponding to fingerprint. However, the Examiner hereby takes the Official notice that fingerprint information is notoriously well known in the art, and therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of **Motegi and Pauschinger** by including a fingerprint information because such modification would prevent unauthorized user to print the document.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Pierre Eddy Elisca at (703) 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday from 6:30AM. to 5:00PM.

If any attempt to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768.

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